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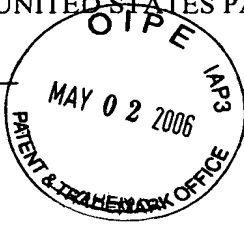
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In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI et al.

Application No.: 10/671,440

Filed: September 29, 2003

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, A HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, AND A HARD DISK
DRIVE (AS AMENDED)

Group Art Unit: 2653

Examiner: J. WATKO

Docket No.: 117329

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired April 9, 2006, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 179438 in the amount of \$120 in payment for:

 X Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$120.00)
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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